

# USDA 2007 FARM BILL FORUM in NEBRASKA

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Please respond to the following six questions. Space permits (below or reverse side) to respond, or add your own comments about other 2007 farm bill suggestions.

- 1) How should farm policy address any unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences do not discourage new farmers/ranchers and the next generation of farmers/ranchers from entering production agriculture?

Assistance for new farmers/ranchers / farmers should be on a long term basis. Do participants are assured what they begin can be continued in production

- 2) How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

Country of origin labeling is necessary.

- 3) How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

Greater <sup>Guidelines</sup> limits should be placed on the amount of farm payments made to producers. loopholes must allow many non farmers to gain from federal payments

- 4) How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environmental goals?

Farm policy which advocates use of alternative use of animal wastes, use of solar and wind power should be supported

- 5) How can Federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

Rural producers seldom have sufficient funds to carry out conservation, marketing, and purchasing equipment needed without Federal assistance.

- 6) How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

Funding for research of farm products <sup>must</sup> should be a helpful step in promoting farm products and learning further use of ag products. Use of ethanol and its promotion have already made an impact in our market

The public is welcome to submit their comments via the USDA Farm Bill Forums website at <http://www.usda.gov/farmbill> or by mailing comments to Secretary of Agriculture Mike Johanns, Farm Bill, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-3355. Comments should be submitted by Dec. 30, 2005.

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